GEORGE WILLIAM KIMBALL
Department Commander

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 11, 1947

MORNING SESSION

April 11, 1947.

The 65th Annual Encampment, Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, convened in the G. A. R. Hall, Memorial Building, 44 State Street, Springfield, Mass., at 11.40 A. M., Commander George W. Kimball, presiding.

Brother Thomas Hart, Camp No. 46, acted as Guide; Brother Francis E. Young, Camp No. ??, a Color Bearer for 47 years, as Color Bearer: Past Department Commander Everett H. Lynds, a member for 65 years, was appointed Junior Vice Commander, pro tem.

In the absence of the Department Chaplain, prayer was offered by Past Department Commander Addison A. Quinn.

Past Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson was requested to act as Counselor for the time being by Commander Kimball and was escorted to the platform.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then given.

At this time, Mrs. Gertrude Riley, widow of Past Department Commander Lawrence D. Riley, was formally received with Past Department Commander Charles H. E. Moran acting as escort.

Sister Riley was cordially welcomed by the Department Commander and spoke as follows:

Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department Officers and my Brothers all: A year ago in Boston, after the Convention and our trip to Indianapolis, Mr. Riley said, "Mother, our organization lacks something." We hit upon — rather he did — presenting something to the Department that would go down from Commander to Commander. We thought of different things and finally hit upon the idea of a brass bell. They had told him at the convention to wield his gavel well and if I remember correctly somebody told me the head of the gavel came off. It must have been a funny incident at the time. At this time, Brother Commander, I wish to present to this Department this brass mission bell as a fitting tribute to a fine man. After this Convention, it will be suitably inscribed. I have, ever since Indianpolis, been trying to get mission bell brass to have this bell made.

I only ask that at every Encampment, whenever this gong is struck, that someone will remember his name. (Applause.)

Department Commander Kimball thanked Sister Riley for the bell and in doing so paid his tribute to Past Department Commander Riley. He then sounded the gong.

Past Department Commander Charles H. E. Moran was appointed chairman of the greeting committee to the Auxiliary, replacing P. D. C. Addison A. Quinn, who was the guest speaker at the Auxiliary. P. D. C. Charles H. E. Moran, then made the following announcements:

The chimes of the Municipal Auditorium will play a patriotic program from 12.00 to 12.30 and from 4.00 to 4.45, today and tomorrow.

Banquet tickets, which are $2.60 each, must be secured so that we can notify the hotel at 2.30.

We have on sale a little button with a picture of Department

Commander Burt of the Grand Army of the Republic, the last veteran of the Civil War in the City of Springfield. These buttons are fifty cents each and we need to sell at least 500 of these to meet the expenses of the Convention; we hope with the cooperation of the Auxiliary to do this.

Sister Lambert was then received and made the announcement that the Woman's Relief Corps would serve luncheon promptly at 1.00 o'clock and asked how many would attend. Forty Brothers signified their intention of attending the luncheon.

Department Officers, who had not already done so, were requested to turn their reports over to the Secretary.

At this time, Past Senior Vice Commander William Donnelly presented Mr. Douglas Paine, Chairman of the Convention Committee, from the City of Worcester.

Mr. Paine, in behalf of the Mayor of Worcester, and the Willie Grout Camp No. 25, S. U. V. C. W., extended a most cordial invitation to the organization to hold their 1948 Encampment in Worcestor. He promised ample accommodations for the Convention and the complete co-operation of the Convention Bureau.

Junior Vice Commander Allen B. Howland arrived and took his station.

Commander Kimball then said: "As you will note from my report when I read it — it covers three entire pages with no spacing in between — during the period of the last 12 months I have covered every allied reception both at the beginning of the year and last Wednesday, the close of the year, of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Daughters of Union Veterans, as well as at your National Encampment in Indianapolis. I have covered 4,200 miles to bring added honors to this worthy Department of ours.

I personally raised, in a period of five weeks, $425.00 to assist in creating a fund for this Department. I also attended to carrying out the decoration of the graves at Norwell, Sharon and Rainsford Island. I wish to state that through the courtesy of Past Department Commanders Louis Winchell and William W. Haskell, who represented me, a conference was had with Mayor Curley of Boston to have the graves at Rainsford Island put in respectable shape. Brothers, if you would go to Rainsford Island you would know the grass is four and five feet high and most of the gravestones are used by those who go yachting to sun themselves on. They sun themselves on the gravestones of our fathers and grandfathers. The Spanish War Veterans Association kept constantly pounding away on the powers of the City of Boston until action was finally accomplished. Brother Haskell will present a resolution here that will allow the Federal government to either restore Rainsford Island or have the bodies removed to Long Island in Boston Harbor where suitable bronze plaques, perpetual care and a flag pole with Old Glory flying from sunrise to sunset are available.

Through the courtesy of Plymouth County Association, whom I put in charge at Sharon, Mass., the powers that be at that cemetery have cooperated. We found a condition of affairs and when I say, condition, Brothers, I mean that any Son of a Veteran with red blood in his veins wouldn't allow the condition to exist that existed at Sharon, Mass. You would think that we were on the other side and not in the United States of America. They had opened vaults of the Grand Army men and taken the bones of those bodies and strewn them over the pathway for automobiles to move over. An organization such as ours condemns such action, whether it is Grand Army men or any other veterans who served the colors.

In Norwell, Mass., the trustees of the cemetery have promised that between now and Memorial Day they will place those graves in

suitable condition to pay honor and tribute to those who laid down their lives since the Civil War up to World War II. We have one or two comrades buried in Norwell and they will be taken care of.

I have done everything in my power to represent you, Brothers, and wherever it was possible to place this Department on the map, as we might state, you have never found your Department Commander wanting in carrying on for the past 41 years in the organization. I hope whoever is elected to succeed me will call on me and I pledge now my loyal support to do even better.

What we need in this Department, Brothers, is money. Money must be procured to keep us on the map, and I hope that whoever my successor may be, that every Brother will go forward at the time of his installation and offer the hand of co-operation, as I will do. I have no axes to grind and I promise to co-operate with them whoever they might be. I will carry on until the Great Commander calls me to the Great Beyond. (Applause.)

The following Encampment Committees were appointed:

GREETINGS COMMITTEES FOR 1947

G. A. R.—William L. Anderson, P. C.-in-C.; Dept. Counselor Frederic G. Bauer, P.D.C.; H. Harding Hale, P. C.-in-C.

W. R. C.—Thomas L. Crawford, P.D.C.; Henry F. Weiler, P.D.C.; Lester D. Hobson, P.D.C.

Ladies of the G. A. R.—Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C.; George E. Hunt, P.D.C.; William W. Haskell, P.D.C.

D. U. V. C. W.—H. Harding Hale, P. C.-in-C.; William O. Fuller, P.D.C.; John W. Emery, P.D.C.

S. U. V. Auxiliary—Charles H. E. Moran, P.D.C.; Lester D. Hobson, P.D.C.; Elias R. Sweet, P.D.C.

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Credentials—Department Secretary Leon H. Palmer; Charles Bradlee, P. Sr. V. D. Com.; Roy C. Call, P.C.; Earl Harrington, P.C.; George F. McGorty, Commander (5).

Officers' Reports—John W. Emery, P.D.C.; William O. Fuller, P.D.C.; Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C.

Rituals and Ceremonies—Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C.; Henry F. Weiler, P.D.C.; Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C.

Resolutions—William W. Haskell, P.D.C.; Guy Richardson, P.D.C.; William L. Anderson, P. C.-in-C.

Constitution and Regulations—Parker B. Chandler, P.D.C.; Alfred M. Spear, P.D.C.; George E. Hunt, P.D.C.

Restoration of Past Rank—H. Harding Hale, P. C.-in-C.; William L. Anderson, P. C.-in-C.; Paul A. Hoey, P. Sr. V. D. Com.; Emerson Whitman, P.C. (62).

Convention and Ball—Charles H. E. Moran, P.D.C.; William L. Anderson, P. C.-in-C.; John W. Emery, P.D.C.; G. A. Adams, P.C.; E. W. Partenheimer, P.C.; L. A. R. Johnson, Commander Camp 15; D. C. Mitchell, P.C.

Press—Harold M. Drown, Dept. Pub. Sec.; Herbert W. Bogue, Asst. Dept. Pub. Sec.

Trooping of the Colors—William L. Anderson, P. C.-in-C.; Hugh C. MacDnoald, Sr. Vice Dept. Com.; Allen B. Howland, Jr. Vice Dept. Com.

On motion of P. D. C. Henry F. Weiler, seconded by Frances Young, it was voted to proceed to the reading of officers' reports.

Department Commander Kimball read his report which was received with applause.

On motion of Junior Vice Commander Howland, duly seconded, it was voted to accept the Department Commander's report and that the report take the usual course.

Senior Vice Commander Hugh C. MacDonald then read his report.

Junior Vice Commander Howland had no report since his duties as he said, were more or less routine. He reported many signs of increased activity in the Camps and expressed his pleasure at having served as Junior Vice Commander.

P. D. C. Louis E. Winchell asked to have the report of the Council read in the afternoon and said he would now present resolutions in memory of the very prominent members of the Order who had passed away.

He then reported the serious illness of Department Treasurer George E. Hunt, who was now at a Boston Hospital recuperating from a brain operation.

P. D. C. Henry F. Weiler objected to the reception of resolutions at this time since Officers Reports were the order of business.

Proceeded with the reading of officers reports.

Chief District Commander George L. Walker presented his report.

Dept. Patriotic Instructor Ralph P. Bickmore spoke briefly upon the need for Camp members to know more about the history of the Civil War, emphasizing conditions in the southern war prisons, and said he would speak further on the subject when he presented his report.

Department Publicity Secretary Harold M. Drown then read his report.

Past Commander in Chief William L. Anderson announced that the greetings committee would visit Department Commander Burke of the G. A. R. at three o'clock and asked Brother Adams of the local Camp to provide automobile transportation.

He then read a message from Governor Bradford.

Department Secretary Leon H. Palmer reported for the Credential Committee as follows: There is one Department Commander, present, one Past Commander in Chief, 10 Past Department Commanders, 26 Past Camp Commander; six sitting Commanders and six delegates. This makes a total of 51 delegates. There are also two visitors.

Adjourned at 1:03 p.m. on order of Commander Kimball. Afternoon Meeting called for 2 o'clock.

SECOND SESSION — April 11, 1947

Called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Report of Department Camp Instructor Addison A. Quinn read, also report of Department Council by Chairman William W. Haskell.

The Council presented resolutions on the deaths of Past Commanders-in-Chief Edwin Earp and Frank L. Kirchgassner, and Past Department Commander Lawrence D. Riley which were accepted by the convention.

Counselor Bauer read his report and spoke on the conditions existing on Rainsford Island and offered the following resolution:

The Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual encampment assembled at Springfield, has learned with regret approaching horror the disgraceful condition of the cemetery on Rainsford Island, wherein are buried many veterans of the Civil War, and we express our appreciation of the action of His Honor the Mayor of Boston in investigating the conditions there with a view to remedying them.

Although we believe that the ideal solution of the problem would be to fence and beautify the present cemetery, yet if the engineering, sanitary and other obstacles to such action make a different solution preferable under the circumstances, we approve the proposal of His Honor the Mayor to remove the bodies to Long Island and erect a suitable memorial over them.

Resolved, that a copy of this vote be transmitted to His Honor the Mayor of Boston.

Counselor Bauer spoke on dual membership and a resolution would be offered later.

Council Member William S. George was at this time appointed to the G. A. R. greetings committee.

Commander read report from Lucille V. Rand, chairman of the Friendly Relations Committee.

Communications were read from the Commanders of the New Jersey and Vermont Departments and from the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A telegram was read from Captain William L. Anderson, Jr., and an invitation from Camp 105 to parade in Lexington on April 19.

P. D. C. Quinn spoke on the Class Initiation and P. D. C. Chandler told of his trip through the South and of his experience on the term "War Between the States."

Commander Sweeney of Camp 25 told of unclaimed sums in savings banks left by G. A. R. Posts and wondered if anything could be done regarding realizing on them.

P. D. C. Weiler submitted a resolution on membership service badge and moved it be sent to committee on Constitution and Regulations. Lost 22 to 16.

P. D. C. Winchell spoke on Friendly Relations and submitted report.

P. C. Walker of Camp 1 moved that a committee of three be appointed with the object of making November 19 a holiday to be known as Dedication Day, request to be sent to Resolutions Committee, to our senators and representatives and to the Commander-in-Chief. Motion was carried and Brothers Bickmore, Walker and Emery appointed as Committee.

National Council in Chief Charles Webster was received at this time and escorted to platform.

P. D. C. Emery moved that report on dual membership be referred as read to the C. and R. Committee.

P. C. Marshall moved an amendment making admission $3.00 and annual dues $5.00. Motion lost.

P. D. C. Weiler moved the matter be placed on order of business April 12 and motion was carried.

Interesting remarks were made at this time by National Council Member Webster.

P. C. in C. Anderson announced greetings carried to the G. A. R.

Adjourned to 9:30 a.m. April 12.

THIRD SESSION — April 12, 1947

Session opened at 9:45 a.m. by Commander Kimball.

In absence of Department Chaplain, prayer was offered by P. D. C. Winchell.

Resolutions Committee Chairman P. D. C. Haskell. P. C. in C. Anderson moved that where no objection was made resolutions be adopted or rejected as recommended by committee and motion was carried.

Thanks to Roy Jones, chairman Springfield Chamber of Commerce, adopted.

Rainsford Island, resolution adopted.

Whereas, the practice of attendance and speaking at the Public School Exercises for Memorial Day is a custom established by the Grand Army of the Republic, and

Memorial Day in Public School, resolution adopted.

Whereas, they designated the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as their legal heirs asking them to carry on their work, and

Whereas, there are public schools in this Commonwealth of Massachusetts that forbid them speaking at such exercises, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Massachusetts Department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in session assembled, that we respectfully request the Commissioner of Education of this Commonwealth to issue a directive that this privilege be not denied to the members of this Organization and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the said Commissioner of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH P. BICKMORE, Department Patriotic Instructor.

House Bill 2319, U. S. Marine Corps, resolution rejected.

Whereas, efforts are being made to deprive the United States Marine Corps of their existence as a separate branch of the armed forces, and

Whereas, we believe that they constitute the first line of our national defence and uphold the honor and dignity of these United States everywhere in the world they are stationed and that to be deprived of their service as a separate Corps would greatly lessen the success of our defence and be a great injustice to them, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in session assembled, that we are opposed to any such change in their status and request the representatives of this State in Congress to oppose H. R. 2319 as creating a dictatorship, and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to our Congressmen in both the Senate and House of Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH P. BICKMORE, Department Patriotic Instructor.

P. C. in C. Edwin Earp, resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

EDWIN EARP, Past Commander-in-Chief

In Memoriam

Springfield, Mass., April 11, 1947.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has taken from this earth, one of our oldest members, Edwin Earp, over 90 years old, and

Whereas, Brother Earp was the first Commander-in-Chief of this Order, having served in 1883, and

Whereas, He was connected with a Sons Organization before our present Organization was established and served in Camp 8, Salem, in 1886, Camp 7, Swampscott in 1916, joining by transfer May 7, 1934, Lt. Col. C. R. Mudge Camp 1, Lynn, at age 80, and

Whereas, Brother Earp lived a long and full life, giving much to our Order, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our gratitude for this life of service, by adopting these Resolutions and have them spread upon our records.

Presented by the Department Council,

WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman.

LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Secretary.

P. C. in C. Frank L. Kirchgassner, resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER, Past Commander-in-Chief

In Memoriam

Boston, Mass., April 10, 1947.

Since our last Annual Meeting, the "Grim Reaper," our Heavenly Father, has removed from our midst one of our most beloved brothers, Brother Frank L. Kirchgassner, Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, Past Camp Commander and Past Regional Commander. Even after his strength, through sickness, waned, his zeal, devotion and life-long fidelity to the memory of our sires continued and his departure from this earth leaves an aching void. Therefore, be it

Resolved, In token of our gratefulness at having had the benefit of his services and friendship, that this minute be spread upon our records and a copy be sent to his bereaved Sister."

Presented by the Department Council,

WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman.

LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Secretary.

Springfield, Mass., April 11, 1947.

P. D. C. Lawrence D. Riley, resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

LAWRENCE D. RILEY, Past Department Commander

In Memoriam

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, on the 16th of September, 1946, took from our midst, our friend and brother, Lawrence D. Riley, and

Whereas, Brother Riley has served our Order as Camp Commander and recently as Department Commander, 1945-1946, and

Whereas, He served our Order well and we have enjoyed his pleasing personality and cheerfulness, and

Whereas, We regret his passing and will miss him greatly, therefore, be it

Resolved, That by this expression of our regard for his having been a loyal member of our Order, we have presented these Resolutions, to be spread upon our records and a copy thereof be sent to his family.

Presented by the Department Council,

WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman.

WILLIAM S. GEORGE.

LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Secretary.

H. L. Rawson Camp 25, resolution rejected.

As our fathers and forefathers fought, bled and died as their contribution for a free America at the time of the Civil War, and, knowing full well that it will be all too soon that taps will be sounded for those remaining with us and,

For the which, our National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was organized to carry on and on as best we can the wonderful purposes of our fathers, and,

Because our Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty are extended to them for their undivided devotion to this great cause, be it

Resolved, that our Massachusetts Encampment in its annual session in April 1947, humbly petition our Official Organ and Patriotic Journal of America, "The Banner," that in each of its issues from now until the last Comrade of the Union Veterans of the Civil War has passed away, to publish a revised "living roster with addresses" of the members of the Union Veterans, and, furthermore, be it

Resolved, that this Massachusetts Encampment send congratu-

latory messages of love and esteem to all those Union Veterans of the Civil War who may still be olive.

H. LYMAN RAWSON,
J. V. C. Willie Grout Camp 25, Worcester.

Dedication Day, resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

Whereas, November 19, 1946, was, by act of Congress, declared a "Special Day of Observance" known as "Dedication Day," and

Whereas, November 19th, the anniversary date of Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address," a recognized classic, should continue to be so recognized, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department endorse the patriotic motives contained in House Joint Resolution number 82, Eightieth (80th) Congress, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Department Encampment, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to each of the following members of the Eightieth (80th) Congress of the United States, Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Senator of Massachusetts; Honorable Leverett Saltonstall, Senator of Massachusetts; Honorable Angier L. Goodwin, M. C., 8th Massachusetts District; Honorable Thomas J. Lane, M. C., 7th Massachusetts District; Honorable Kenneth B. Keating, M. C., of New York; and Honorable Earl C. Michener, M. C., Chairman Committee on Judiciary, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Resolved, as we have had considerable assistance from the convention and Visitors Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, especially from Roy Jones, its Secretary,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Department be extended to them.

RALPH P. BICKMORE, Chairman,
JOHN W. EMERY,
GEORGE O. WALKER,
Committee.

P. D. C. Emery, chairman, Committee on Officers Reports, read the report, commended all department officers and favored all recommendations of Department Council. Report accepted. P. C. in C. Anderson moved that the three signatures of the Department Council be on the Council recommendations. Motion was carried.

P. C. Porter of Camp 15 invited any interested to visit Westover Field Hospital. Cars would be provided.

P. C. in C. Hale, chairman of the Radio Committee read report.

P. D. C. Chandler, chairman of Committee on Constitution and Regulations presented amendments on membership at Large, Dual Membership, and admission of descendants of members of the Revenue Cutter Service.

P. D. C. Emery moved to take up report of Committee on Membership at Large and act on same item by item. Carried.

Section 1 now in C. and R. sections 2 and 3 voted, with incoming Commander to appoint committee of three to co-operate with him in recommending change in By-Laws to cover.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

This committee recommends the adoption by this Encampment

of a Membership at Large which shall be governed by the following regulations:

Application for such membership shall be made to the Department Commander or Secretary who shall accept or reject same. Records of such memberships shall be kept by the Department Secretary substantially as required of Camp Secretaries and Treasurers. Transfers or honorable discharges shall be issued upon application to the Department Secretary.

Membership fee shall be five dollars which shall include dues for the current year.

The annual dues shall be three dollars.

Members one year in arrears shall be dropped.

Any member who has been suspended or dropped by any Camp for non-payment of dues shall not be eligible to become a member at large until he has either paid the Camp in full or has paid to the Department Commander a sum which he shall designate and which shall be deposited in the Department Treasury.

Members at Large shall have all the Constitutional privileges of the Order.

JOHN W. EMERY, P.D.C.
ALLEN B. HOWLAND, P.C.
GEORGE O. WALKER, P.C.

P. D. C. Bauer submitted amendment on Dual Membership.

Brother George O. Walker of Camp 1 moved the adoption of the amendment and it was so voted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS CONCERNING DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Amend Article VII of the Constitution by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"Section 3. A member in good standing in a camp may, under such regulations as the Commandery in Chief may prescribe, become a member of another Camp, still retaining his membership in his original camp."

Amend Article II of Chapter I of the Regulations by adding thereto the following new sections:

"Section 7. A member wishing to join a second camp, still retaining his membership in his original camp, may obtain a certificate of good standing in his original camp, and upon presenting it to the second camp may be admitted a member thereof in the same manner as a member presenting a transfer.

"Section 8. A member holding membership in two camps shall elect in which camp he desires to hold primary and in which secondary membership, and notify the Secretary of each Camp of his election. If a member holding membership in two camps obtains an honorable discharge from the camp of his primary membership, he shall automatically become a primary member of the other camp.

"Section 9. Each camp in its quarterly Secretary's report shall report under a separate heading the names of those holding secondary membership therein, together with the number of the camp in which each holds primary membership.

"Section 10. Secondary members so reported shall not be counted in the strength of the camp for representation in the Department Encampment, and the camp shall not pay per capita tax on them."

Add the following new paragraph to Section 3, Article II of the Regulations, to be inserted between the present two paragraphs of said section:

"If a member holding membership in two camps is dropped by either, the Department Secretary shall immediately notify him that

unless within thirty days he reinstates himself in the camp by which he was dropped, or obtains an honorable discharge therefrom, his membership in the order will at the expiration of said thirty days be automatically terminated."

FREDERIC GILBERT BRUCE
for the National Committee on
Dual Membership

P. D. C. Bauer spoke regarding illness of Treasurer George E. Hunt and on motion of P. C. in C. Anderson it was voted to send greetings to Brother Hunt from the Convention.

Nomination of Officers

For Commander: P. C. in C. Anderson nominated Harold M. Drown of Camp 13, Commander Day of Camp 9 nominated Carder A. Perkins of Camp 9; P. D. C. Bauer nominated Hugh C. MacDonald of Camp 67.

P. D. C. Sweet moved nominations cease and as there were no objections motion was carried.

For Senior Vice Commander, P. D. C. Haskell nominated Edward L. Partenheimer of Camp 15.

For Junior Vice Commander, P. D. C. Emery nominated George O. Walker of Camp 1.

For Council, P. C. Hart nominated P. D. C. Winchell; P. D. C. Quinn nominated Roy C. Call of Camp 30; P. D. C. Weiler nominated Roger A. Hanners of Camp 6; P. C. in C. Hale nominated Herbert L. Smith of Camp 4; Commander Bickmore nominated Emerson Whitman of Camp 62; P. D. C. Moran nominated William S. George of Camp 61.

For Executive Board, P. D. C. Weiler nominated P. D. C. Fuller, 5 years; P. C. Perkins nominated D. C. Kimball, 4 years.

On motion of P. D. C. Haskell it was voted that all nominees for delegate to National Convention should submit name on paper endorsed by two members of Encampment.

Delegates to National Convention: L. R. E. Johnson of Camp 15, William Tillson of Camp 26, Fred Haynes of Camp 26, Charles A. Bearse of Camp 5, Harold P. Shepardson of Camp 15, Herbert W. Bogue of Camp 15, Herbert H. Marshall of Camp 56.

Recessed to 9.15 A. M., April 12.

P. C. Bauer moved that the Department renew the vote passed in 1946 for amendment to the Constitution admitting descendants of members of the Revenue Cutter Service and providing for detachments of Camps which cover several communities and that the same be submitted to the Commander in Chief for promulgation as required by the Constitution.

P. C. Walker of Camp 1 moved the adoption of the amendment and motion was carried.

P. C. Roy C. Call of Camp 30 reported the death of Brother Milton B. Boody on April 7, and prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

P. C. Bauer requested a representative of all Boston Camps to meet with him at close of session.

Invitation from Camp 25 to make Worcester the Convention meeting place for 1948; letter from New Hampshire Department asking change in convention dates to come nearer to other New England Departments and letter from Camp 34 endorsing Commander Ralph P. Bickmore for Junior Vice Department Commander read.

Brother Howland moved that New Hampshire letter be referred to those having authority to set dates of Encampment and motion was carried.

P. D. C. Emery moved there be no Encampment in Holy week.

P. D. C. Weiler amended that the Council take action. Carried.

P. C. in C. Anderson moved that the invitation from Camp 25

to hold Convention in Worcester in 1948 be accepted and motion was carried.

Broadcast was announced from Station WSPR at 4.00 P. M.

Recessed to 1.00 P. M.

Reconvened at 1.35 P. M.

Brother Walker of Camp 1 moved that a rising vote of thanks be given to Brother Charles H. E. Moran and his committee for their work preparing for this Convention. Carried.

On motion of P. D. C. Weiler it was voted that membership figures and a brief summary of receipts and disbursements be published in Department Orders.

P. D. C. Weiler moved that a summary of proceedings be published in Department Orders. Carried.

P. D. C. Weiler moved that Department Orders carry date of issue and serial numbers. Carried.

P. D. C. Weiler moved budget figures be published in Department Orders next following Encampment. Carried.

P. C. in C. Hale moved that the incoming Department Commander make a special study of the Camps, together with the Council and be empowered to take such action regarding delinquent Camps as may seem best for the Department. Carried.

A delegation from the Daughters of Union Veterans was received, Mrs. Helen Savory, P.D.P., Mrs. Ruth Messenger, D.P., and Mrs. Katherine Kennedy of Cambridge. All spoke and Mrs. Savory presented a gift to the Department Commander.

P. D. C. Thomas L. Crawford responded.

P. C. in C. Hale for Restoration of Past Rank Committee moved that past rank be restored to Brothers Fred M. Fitzmeyer of Camp 81 and William H. Johnson of Camp 58 and it was so voted.

P. D. C. Winchell reported pleasant visits to Conventions of the Daughters of Union Veterans and Ladies of the G. A. R.

Commander Kimball presented a badge of large size to P. D. C. Moran.

Nomination of officers opened and Commander Whitman of Camp 62 nominated Commander Ralph P. Bickmore of Camp 34 for Junior Vice Commander.

P. D. C. Bauer moved proceed to ballot. Carried.

At 4.45, C. in C. Cranmer was received and escorted to the platform.

Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary received, Mrs. Esther Thompson, Chairman S. of V. Aides, Mrs. Kimball, wife of Commander Kimball, Mrs. Myra Blanchard, P.D.P., Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Jennie G. Wales, D. P., and Mrs. Maude B. Warren, P.N.P.

C. in C. Cranmer spoke on the needed growth of the Order and appealed for 1,000 members, partially to relieve the financial condition of the Commandery in Chief.

Mrs. Wales, D. P., spoke and presented Commander Kimball with a gift.

Mrs. Thompson, chairman of the S. of V. Aides, reported that the Auxiliary had voted to meet with the Sons next year. She presented our Department with a gift of $105.00 which was thankfully accepted by Commander Kimball.

All members of the visiting committee spoke briefly and were responded to by P. D. C. William O. Fuller, and committee withdrew.

The tellers announced the result of the election and the following officers were declared elected:

Commander, Harold M. Drown, Camp 13; Senior Vice Commander, Edward L. Partenheimer, Camp 15; Junior Vice Commander, George O. Walker, Camp 1; Council, Herbert L. Smith, Camp 4, William S. George, Camp 61, Roy C. Call, Camp 30; Executive Commit-

tee, P. D. C. William O. Fuller, 5 years, P. D. C. George W. Kimball, 4 years; Delegates to National Encampment, L. R. E. Johnson, Camp 15, William Tillson, Camp 26, Fred Haynes, Camp 26, Charles A. Bearse, Camp 5, Harold P. Shepardson, Camp 15, Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15, Herbert H. Marshall, Camp 56.

Commander Drown addressed the Convention, asked for cooperation and promised his best in an optimistic manner.

P. C. in C. Hale responded to C. in C. Cranmer, agreeing with all he said and promised five new members before Memorial Day.

Session closed at 5.30, followed by Memorial exercises with the Auxiliary and installation of officers by P. D. C. Charles H. E. Moran, assisted by P. D. C. John W. Emery as guide.

The Past Department Badge was presented to Brother Kimball by Past Department Commander Moran and a gift from the membership by Department Secretary Palmer.

Appointive officers: Department Secretary, L. H. Palmer; H. C. MacDonald, Patriotic Instructor; Rev. R. T. Reed, Chaplain; William W. Haskell, Publicity Secretary; George W. Kimball, Organizer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Chelsea (50), Massachusetts, April 10th, 1947.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

Dear Brothers: — I herewith hand you a report of my year as Department Commander:

Many Camps were active along patriotic lines and increased their membership. To these Camps our Department is most proud. Many Camps are still in the rut when it comes to paying their quarterly per capita tax. The sooner they realize they must pay their share in the many expenses of our Department, then and only then will these Camps be in the good graces of our honored Order. No Department can expand on empty promises. During my term I have had the sincere cooperation of the G. A. R. and all its Allied Units. I have cemented good feeling among our patriotic and veteran organizations. I have personally raised $420.50 for an ad book held jointly with our Auxiliary. I have used all my energy to have the final resting places of Veterans of all wars preserved. The press was most cooperative in all my plans to expose cemetery authorities who neglected our Solider and Sailor dead in our State. I have visited the sick and assisted in paying honor to our honored dead. I have catered to all Camps, especially to the weaker Camps.

The following is a partial report of my visitations:

April 1946 —

16 Attended banquet of Camp 61, Hotel Sheraton, Boston.
19 Attended N. H. State Encampment at Concord, N. H.
23 Attended Military Ball of Post 12, U. A. V., at State Armory, Chelsea.
24 Official visit to Camp 30, Dorchester.
26 Attended Muster Night of Camp 24, U. S. W. V., at Chelsea.
27 Attended meeting of Tent 52, D. U. V., at Revere.
30 Attended meeting of Plymouth County Association, S. U. V., at Rockland.

May —

3 Attended Fathers and Sons Night, Greater Boston Camp 119, Sons of United Spanish War Veterans, at Roxbury.
4 Attended Massachusetts Department Amvets Memorial Services at Chelsea High School.
6 Attended Get-together Camp 34 and Auxiliary 13 at Wakefield.
7 Attended meeting of W. R. C. 10 at Chelsea.

8 Attended banquet given by Post 12, U. A. V., at Chelsea, in honor of returned Veterans of Post.
9 Attended Inter-faith meeting at Chelsea Y. M. C. A.
10 Attended meeting of Boston Unit No. 1, Massachusetts State Guard Veterans, Boston.
13 Attended Past Presidents' Night of S. U. V. Auxiliary 38 at Chelsea.
15 Attended 25th Anniversary of Camp 133, S. U. V., at Attleboro.
17 Attended Get-together of Camp and Auxiliary at Whitman.
18 Attended banquet to Jere Taylor, Department Commander, U. S. W. V., at Chelsea State Armory.
18 Attended Class Initiation of the North Metropolitan District Association, S. U. V., at Lynn, as guests of Camp 1, S. U. V.
19 Attended Grand Crawl of Military Order of the Serpent at Quincy.
22 Attended Installation of Lair 7, M. O. S., at Roxbury.
24 Attended Massachusetts Department, U. A. V., Military Ball at 1st Corps Cadet Armory at Boston.
26 Attended Memorial Mass at St. Rose Church, Chelsea, in honor of all Soldier dead, auspices of Post 12, U. A. V.
26 Attended Memorial Services at Universalist Church, Chelsea, for Soldier dead, auspices of Veterans' Units.
27 Attended Memorial Services at Chelsea Y. M. C. A., auspices Camp 81, S. U. V., and Auxiliary 38.
29 Attended Memorial Services at Temple Emmanuel, Chelsea, auspices of Post 71, Jewish War Veterans.
30 Visited all Veterans Headquarters on a Good Will visit.

June —

2 Conducted Memorial Services for Chester L. Fish, P.C., at Woburn (Camp 66).
7 Guest of S. U. V., Auxiliary 38, Chelsea, at a lobster supper.
8 Attended reception to Mrs. Doris Patch, Department President, Ladies of the G. A. R., at Fitchburg.
9 Attended Memorial Services for the Chelsea Veteran and Regular Fire Department.
12 Conducted Memorial Services for Frank L. Kirchgassner, P.C. in C., at the First Church, Boston.
13 Attended reception to Mrs. Lillian M. Temple, Department President, W. R. C., at Upton, Mass.
15 Attended reception to Mrs. Jennie B. Wales, Department President, S. U. V., Auxiliary at Beverly.
24 Made Chairman of the City of Chelsea 4th of July Committee.
25 Attended installation of Suffolk County V. F. W. at Boston.
29 Attended reception to Mrs. Ruth Messenger, Department President D. U. V., at Holyoke.
30 Attended Memorial Services for G. A. R. at Rainsford Island, auspices of Camp 61, S. U. V.

July —

4 Guest of City of Cambridge at banquet in honor of the 85th anniversary of the enlistment of Co. C, 3rd Regiment, M. V. M., at Hotel Commander.
20 Attended N. E. Regional Association, S. U. V., at Weirs, N. H.

August —

3 Attended funeral services for George E. Weaver, P.C., Camp 30, at Second Church, Dorchester.
18 Attended outing, North Metropolitan District Association, S. U. V., at Canobie Lake, N. H.
23 to 29 Attended National Encampment at Indianapolis, Indiana.

September —

2 Attended N. E. States Veteran Firemen League Muster at Revere Beach as a guest.

12 Attended installation of Kearsage Naval Veterans at Boston.
17 Conducted Memorial Services for Lawrence D. Riley, P.D.C., at his home.
21 Dinner guest of Past Presidents' Association, S. U. V. Auxiliary, at Hotel Bradford, Boston.
23 Attended reception to World War II Veterans by Camp 25, at Worcester.
24 Attended meeting of Plymouth County Association, S. U. V., at Abington.
27 Attended election of Past Commanders' Association, S. U. V., at Tremont Temple, Boston.
28 Dinner guest at Hotel Manger, Boston, auspices of Massachusetts Department, Ladies of the G. A. R.

October —
4 Attended meeting of Plymouth County S. U. V., at Stoughton.
5 Guest at S. U. V. Old Timers' banquet at G. A. R. Hall, Somerville.
8 Guest of Camp 26, 60th Anniversary banquet, at Taunton.
19 Attended Penny Sale, Massachusetts Department, D. U. V., at Hotel Lenox, Boston.
22 Guest at S. U. V. Auxiliary 38 banquet, Chelsea.
24 Guest at W. R. C. 40th anniversary banquet at Roxbury.
25 Attended installation, Camp 24, U. S. W. V., and Auxiliary 37, Chelsea.
27 Attended inspection, S. U. V. Auxiliary 38, Chelsea.

November —
9 Attended reception to Department Commander Clark at Manchester, N. H.
13 Dinner guest at W. R. C. Department at Chipman Hall, Tremont Temple, Boston, guest of Dept President, Mrs. L. M. Temple.
18 Attended Dedication Day observance at Lynn, auspices Camp 1.
19 Attended Dedication Day observance at Cambridge, auspices Camp 56.
21 Attended installation of Camp 144, S. U. V., at Bridgewater.

December —
5 Attended installation of Camp 66 at Woburn.
6 Attended installation of Post 12, U. A. V., and Auxiliary at Chelsea.
7 Attended Mid-year Encampment at Beverly, guests of Camp 6.
10 Attended 20th anniversary, S. U. V. Auxiliary at Abington.
13 Attended installation of Camp 56, S. U. V., at Cambridge.
17 Attended installation of Camp 58, S. U. V., at Mattapan.
18 Elected Chaplain, Winnisimmet Veteran Firemen Association of Chelsea.
20 Attended Christmas party, Past Commanders' and Past Presidents' Associations at Tremont Temple, Boston.
23 Dinner Guest at S. U. V. Auxiliary 38, at the annual Christmas party at the Paul-Roger House, Revere Beach.

January, 1947 —
3 Attended installation of Camp 11, S. U. V. and Auxiliary 28 at Whitman.
11 Led Grand March at the Department S. U. V. and Auxiliary Military Dance at the N. E. Mutual Hall, Boston, with Mrs. Jennie B. Wales, Department President of Auxiliary.
15 Dinner guest at the 50th anniversary of the Winnisimmet Veteran Firemen Association at Chelsea.
18 Dinner guest at the N. E. States Veteran Firemen League at Everett. After dinner was elected Chaplain for the N. E. States.
25 Attended S. U. V. School of Instruction at Scituate.
29 Attended installation of W. R. C. 126 at Masonic Hall, Revere.

February —

4 Master of Ceremonies of Universalist Church Brotherhood at Malden.
15 Guest at the 1st annual banquet of the Plymouth County Association S. U. V. at Rockland.
16 Attended Women's Defense meeting at Faneuil Hall, Boston.
17 Guest speaker of 9th Co., Massachusetts State Guard Veterans at U. A. V. Hall, Chelsea.
18 Attended installation of Chelsea Post 15, Amvets, at Legion.
19 One of the speakers of Brotherhood at Community Y. M. C. A., Chelsea.
22 Attended reception to Governor and Mrs. Robert F. Bradford, State House, Boston.
22 Attended dinner of Boston Unit No. 1, Massachusetts State Guard Veterans.

March —
3 Attended Social of Camp 133 at Attleboro
6 Attended meeting of Circle 35, Ladies of the G. A. R., Malden.
8 Attended testimonial and banquet to Department Commander George J. Wood at V. F. W. Hall, Everett.
9 Attended institution and installation of Chelsea Unit 48, Massachusetts State Guard Veterans, at Elks' Building, Chelsea.
21 Attended reception to Mrs. Edna Lambert, National President, S. U. V. Auxiliary, at Social Hall, Tremont Temple, Boston.
22 Guest at 21st annual banquet of the North Metropolitan District Association, S. U. V., at Malden.

April —
8 Attended the annual convention banquet of the W. R. C. at Hotel Bradford, Boston. Visited receptions of D. U. V. and L. of G.A.R.
9 Acted as Master of Ceremonies at the Lafayette Memorial Building, Wakefield, when Department presented silk U. S. Flag to the Wakefield Detachment, Marine Corps League.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE WILLIAM KIMBALL,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

April 11, 1947.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

One year ago you elected me to this high office and I have tried to do everything that I thought was expected of me. I have attended numerous camp installations, anniversaries, receptions and just plain meetings, also the mid-year meeting of the Department held in Beverly, and meetings of several of the different district organizations. I have fulfilled every invitation received with two exceptions and in those cases found it impossible to be in two places at the same time.

I have been active in the Plymouth County Association and we have held monthly meetings with different camps in the district. We find this a great help in maintaining interest in our order particularly in the smaller units. If our membership continues to drop, and camps cannot or will not get new members, I believe that in the near future a district type organization, or group of neighboring camps banded together and meeting alternately in the different communities will be a necessity if our organization is to maintain any semblance of its previous strength and power.

I believe that both the Senior Vice and Junior Vice Department Commanders should have duties as well as titles and feel that a stronger Department would result if the Junior Vice were advanced to Senior Vice and then to Department Commander if found worthy.

As a suggestion, where we are starting with this Encampment to meet in different cities throughout the state, in order to insure not getting into another rut the state should be divided into three parts, such as North of Boston, South of Boston, and the Western part of the state, with division lines so that each section would have approximately one-third of our membership. The annual encampment would rotate between the three on invitation from the cities interested. If in addition the Junior V. D. C. were elected from the section having the encampment, and moved up each year, the top three officers would be from different parts of the state, which would spread out the "Brass" in the Department, and make it much easier to have the Department represented at all functions anywhere in the state. With this set up the Senior and Junior Vice D. C. could organize, head up and strengthen the District Commanders' organization in their respective sections.

The Department Commander appointed me to head a money raising committee to work in conjunction with the Ways and Means Committee of our Auxiliary, and a successful dance was held on January 11, together with a program of paid advertisements. Your Department Commander George W. Kimball, with a good head start, sold over one-half of the ads in the program himself, but most of the camps, although contacted at least twice, were not even heard from. A total of $333.10 was turned over to each organization. I want to take this opportunity to thank Vice President Pamelia Elder of the Auxiliary for her work in connection with the dance and in obtaining such fine entertainment without charge and for her Herculean endeavor in preparing the copy for the program to give the printer, so that it could be printed and delivered in time for the dance. It was a swell job done against great odds! A complete financial report of the committee is being made separately.

I want to thank Commander Kimball and the members of his staff for making this year a memorable one for me.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
HUGH C. MacDONALD.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

My activities this past year have been confined to Plymouth County.

I believe camps in this area show promise of increased activity.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Department as Junior Vice Commander and I thank the brothers for their courtesies during the year.

Fraternally,
ALLEN B. HOWLAND, J. V. D. C.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

This has been a hectic year for our Council due to several unfortunate circumstances. The Council Secretary was ill for some time the first of the year. Secretary Palmer's mother-in-law was grievously ill and passed away, and Treasurer Hunt suffered a serious accident and finally has had an operation and is still confined to the hospital.

Brothers: — The Department Council met April 16, 1946, and

organized: Chairman, P. D. C. William W. Haskell; Secretary, P. D. C. Louis E. Winchell; and Commander, William S. George.

Voted, "That the State Street Trust Company be the depository for the General Funds of the Department."

Voted, "That bonds, in the sum of $1,000 each, be furnished for the Department Commander, Treasurer, and Secretary."

Voted, "That regular meetings of the Council be held on the last Thursday of each month and at any other time, by call of the Chairman."

In accordance with action taken at the last Encampment, several thousand old reports from camp secretaries and treasurers have been segregated from our overcrowded files and packed for storage in Eastern Storage Warehouse, without charge, through the kindness of Commander Kimball. A vast amount of useless material was disposed of and plans are in the making to provide shelves to take care of necessary supplies.

The Council has sent letters to delinquent camps and very little response has been received and we suggest that some personal contacts be made by individuals living nearby these camps and endeavor to get satisfactory response. One Camp paid $52.80 and two Camps signified intention to close up. About 11 Camps seem to be in poor shape.

Only a superficial checking has been done, during the year, due to illness.

It is the opinion of the Council that a new system should be installed at our Headquarters as the present one is inadequate.

We submit the following recommendations:

Recommendations of the Department Council for 1947-1948

1. That the income from investments and interest from the Permanent Fund, be transferred to the General Fund.

2. That a mid-season meeting be held at such time and place as may be decided by this Encampment or by the Department Council and Commander.

3. The incoming Department Council are hereby instructed to install an up to date system of bookkeeping covering the financial affairs of the Department, which system shall include a designation on every check and stub of the definite bill which is being paid thereby, a monthly reconciliation of the bank statement and checkbook, an account of expenditures under each head of the budget and a check of receipts and initial fees and per capita tax with the membership records of the camp secretaries.

4. That the incoming Commander and Department Council devise ways and means to provide added revenues for the Department.

5. Hereafter no officer of the Department shall pay out any money not covered by an item in the budget or in excess of the amount appropriated to said item in the budget, except in some unusual emergency, declared by the Council to exist, in which case the expenditure shall be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee at a legally called meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman,
WILLIAM S. GEORGE,
LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Secretary,
Department Council.

Proposed Budget for 1947-1948

Submitted by the Department Council for consideration by Encampment.

Estimated Receipts

Per Capita tax on 2,600 members at 80c $2,080.00

Membership fees on 55 members at $1.00	55.00
Interest from Permanent Fund	200.00
Donations	100.00
Office rent from Auxiliary	112.50
Electric lights from Auxiliary	5.50
Telephone from Auxiliary	42.00
Total estimated receipts	$2,595.00

Estimated Expenditures

Per Capita tax on 2,600 members at 40c	$1,040.00
Membership fees on 55 members at 50c	27.50
1947 Encampment expense	40.00
Salary of Department Secretary	500.00
Dept. Commander's expense to Nat. Encamp.	60.00
Dept. Commander's travel expense	80.00
Postage, printing, stationery	160.00
Encamp. Proceedings, 1946 and 1947 combined	175.00
Electric lights	12.00
Telephone	100.00
Office rent	300.00
Officers' bonds	7.50
Badge for Commander	8.00
Radio Expense	20.00
Safe deposit box	6.00
Incidentals	20.00
Donation to Auxiliary Ways and Means Com.	25.00
Total estimated expenditures	$2,581.00
Receipts	$2,595.00
Estimated balance	$14.00

Emergency Fund

March Statement		$197.08
February deposit	$333.10	
Checks drawn	136.02	
Balance		$197.08

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman,
LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Secretary,
Department Council.

An expression of thanks is due our Department Commander, George W. Kimball, for his hearty cooperation and untiring work in itemizing and boxing our old records and his offer to store same without expense.

L. E. WINCHELL, Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

Membership January 1, 1946 2732

GAINS

	Init.	Trans.	Rein.	Total	
March quarter	15	1	5	21	
June quarter	13		5	18	
September quarter	6		1	7	
December quarter	12		1	13	59
					2791

LOSSES

	Camps	Disb.	Death	H.D.	Trans.	Dr.	Tot.	
March quarter			22	3	1	17	43	
June quarter	3	44	21		1	11	77	
September quarter			12			14	26	
December quarter			27	6		7	40	186

Membership January 1, 1947 2605

Camps lost: 84 Randolph, 17 members; 95 Quincy, 12 members; 117 Beverly Farms, 15 members.

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

On hand March 31, 1946		$168.68
Purchases		202.09
		$370.77
Sales	$161.55	
On hand March 31, 1947	213.88	
		375.43
Profit		$4.66
Balance on hand March 31, 1946		$173.93

RECEIPTS

Gift from Auxiliary Department	$120.00	
Per Capita Tax	2,135.00	
Membership Fees	53.00	
Balance from Auxiliary Reception	10.23	
Balance from Hale Reception	2.00	
Bond ticket returns	3.00	
Camp 100 Bond premium	2.50	
Interest from Permanent Fund	232.04	
For rent	65.61	
For light	2.64	
For telephone	26.18	
From Loring Fund for Retriever Squad	25.00	
From sale of supplies	161.55	
Contributions to G. A. R. Highway Fund	82.00	
From Emergency Fund	136.02	
		3,056.77
		$3,230.70

EXPENSES

Memorial Expense	$58.75
Convention	57.09
Per Capita Tax	1,059.80
Membership fees tax	23.00
Stationery	29.00
Printing	42.45
Postage	85.50
Rent	300.00
Light	10.02
Telephone	87.57
Salary of Secretary	500.00
Bond premiums	10.00
Easter lilies to two G. A. R. Springfield Veterans	10.00
Gifts to heads of Allied Orders	10.40
Gift to Publicity Secretary	10.00
E. E. Barnum, Nat. P. I.-G. A. R. Highway Fund	62.00
Dept. Commander, to National Encampment	100.00
Proceedings	99.65
Radio Committee	21.96

Retriever Squad		9.40	
Safety Vault		6.00	
Insurance premium		6.50	
Donation to Auxiliary Ways & Means Committee		25.00	
Dept. Commander, expense for this Encampment		25.00	
Dept. Commander, postage		15.00	
Dept. Commander, traveling		50.50	
Purchase of supplies		202.09	
Incidentals		17.99	
Flowers		10.00	
			$2,944.67
Balance on hand March 31, 1947			$286.03
PERMANENT FUND			
1946 Encampment Balance		$9,675.07	
Withdrawal to balance 1945 account		41.33	
		$9,633.74	
Interest		232.04	
		$9,865.78	
Interest transferred to General Fund		232.04	
			$9,633.74
In Detail			
Melrose Savings Bank (book 23351)	$1,881.12		
Interest	37.24		
	$1,918.36		
Withdrawal	55.86		
		$1,862.50	
Hudson Savings Bank (book 38537)	$2,293.85		
Interest	45.42		
	$2,339.27		
Withdrawal	68.13		
		2,271.24	
Bellevue Co-operative Bank		2,000.00	
Reading Co-operative Bank		1,000.00	
2 $1,000 War Bonds		2,000.00	
1 $500 U. S. 2⅞ Bond		500.00	
			9,633.74
BENJAMIN J. LORING FUND			
1946 Encampment Balance		$725.72	
Interest		5.44	
			$731.16
Withdrawal for use of Retriever Squad			25.00
Balance			$706.16

LEON H. PALMER, Department Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

When I was appointed to this office it was my ambition to do something worthwhile to promote patriotism. While it has been a pleasure to serve you, it is a disappointment that I have not accomplished more.

I sent the Camp Patriotic Instructors a communication before their reports were due the first of July, but on that date I had received only seventeen. Some of the Brothers may not know that the Department Patriotic Instructor must make his report to the National Patriotic Instructor at that time. What a report to be sent in from this Department! Since then I have made every effort to get the reports from the Camps which had not sent them in at that time, but to date I have received reports from only seventy camps. The reports are a very real help to the Department Patriotic Instructor as it gives him an understanding of the situation in the Camps and helps him in planning his work. I consider the report so important that I wish to call to your attention items from the report I have given the Department Commander.

Number of Camps reporting up to last night: Seventy.

Number of Camps who do not have patriotic talks or discussions at their meetings, of the Camps reporting, twenty-two.

Number of Camps sponsoring public patriotic programs, forty-seven.

Number of official visits to public schools, fifty-six.

The number of Camps reporting should have been 100%, and that by July 1st. If you do not have patriotic talks or discussions at your meetings most of your members will not be able to speak intelligently to the public at schools or elsewhere. The public program is our best opportunity to tell "The Story of the Boys in Blue" to the public. The visits to the public schools, where exercises are held, is a duty left us by the Grand Army of the Republic and the facts of the Civil War are not taught in our public schools, but much false propaganda is taught, which makes it a real duty for us to see that the real facts are known. I have a resolution before this Encampment, dealing with the public school exercises and if it is adopted it should give us a greater opportunity to do our duty. I believe we are remiss and unworthy if we neglect to contact the general public.

I was surprised that I did not receive the courtesy of one reply from many Camps to which I sent communications requesting a reply.

I have sent the Camps Patriotic Instructors facts of Civil War History which they could use at their meetings or public gatherings. I believe we should know whereof we speak, and study the facts of the Civil War.

I am happy to say that there was a fine response to the appeal made by our National Patriotic Instructor for the observance of Dedication Day.

I am thankful for the help and encouragement I have received from our National Patriotic Instructor, our Department Commander, Publicity Secretary, Chaplain, Commander Whitman of Everett, Brother Fred Atwood, and others.

I had the honor to represent our Department Commander at the Anniversary of the Auxiliary at Melrose.

We furnished the entertainment and the Department Commander presided at a Brotherhood meeting of a Men's Club where members of another church were guests. Also with the Department Commander presiding we presented a flag to a Detachment of the Marine Corps League in memory of the Marines who upheld that flag in the Great Civil War, and the public was invited.

I made several appeals for the G. A. R. Highway Fund for I believe that it is one lasting memorial we can complete in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. For this fund I have received from the Camps and individual members as follows:

Camp 17, Brockton, $5.00; Camp 4, Plymouth, $5.00; Camp 26, Taunton, $2.00; Camp 1, Lynn, $1.00; Charles Bradlee, $1.00; R. P. Bickmore, $5.00; Camp 62, Everett, $5.00; Camp 36, Gardner, $2.00;

Camp 81, Chelsea, $2.00; W. H. Robinett, $2.00; Camp 34, Wakefield, $5.00.

And our Department Secretary tells me he has received from Camp 104, Saugus, $6.00; Camp 86, Barre, $5.00; Henry C. Gates, $1.00; Camp 52, Leominster, $1.00; Camp 5, Hudson, $7.00; Camp 44, Westfield, $3.00.

And that on August 20, 1946, we sent to the National Patriotic Instructor $62.00 for the G. A. R. Highway Fund. This would make a total of $120.00 for this fund for the term from April 1946 to date. A check for $58.00 has been sent to the National Patriotic Instructor which will, with the $62.00 previously sent, total $120.00.

I would like to make the following recommendations:

That the Camp Commander see that the Patriotic Instructor's Report is sent in by the first of July.

That each member acquaint himself with the facts of the Civil War and actively make these facts known to the general public.

That patriotic talks be a part of every meeting of every Camp, that we may know of what we speak.

That we bring to the general public "The Story of the Boys in Blue" at every opportunity, and that we make the opportunity.

That my successor receive much better co-operation, even as I appreciate the co-operation I have received.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH P. BICKMORE,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELLOR

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

My duties as Department Counsellor during the past year have been limited to giving legal advice on sundry questions that have come up.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER, Department Counsellor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PUBLICITY SECRETARY

April 19th, 1947

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

Just recently I had a pleasant conference with Harvey Landers, "Military and Naval" editor, Boston Sunday Globe. Telling him I didn't worry on curtailment of our news items, he replied, "Well, I do. I write column upon column that is 'killed', but what are you going to do when a big Sunday edition refuses a full page of advertising? That's throwing income out the window." And, Brothers, that's the answer to the $64.00 question of why we can't get all the news we'd like to, though we do quite well. That's the answer to the giant jackpot question for which we've all been waiting.

We must consider that we're not strictly in the class of "Military and Naval" heading and our order is practically only one in this "semi" classification to receive recognition. Often one remarks, "The Legion and V. F. W. get a lot and it's not right." And that's one reason why we don't, or don't always. There's a limit on total space allotted.

On the so-called "T" page in the Boston Sunday Post we have another hazard. Here under "News of Clubs and Service Groups" is listed Veteran, Patriotic, Civic, Fraternal and Religious news items. Our class rates approximately one-third of the space each week and

we are a very small percentage of this "third." Often we get from 5-10 inches; on other occasions — nothing.

The Brockton, Worcester, Springfield, Chelsea, Beverly and Salem papers have given us excellent co-operation — that happens to be known to me and of course there are others.

I must again commend "The Banner" editor, Brother A. S. Holbrook, for all his continued favors, which has netted us an average of better than a page per issue. Commander Kimball and your Publicity Secretary have had a very happy year working together. I have seen appreciation at its height.

My reaction to getting more publicity with encampments held in smaller cities is that we may, but what we get in Boston reaches more people and ones that need educating more than those elsewhere. We need the publicity where our cause is most lost, in other words. And I feel results have warranted all time, expense and effort expended.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
HAROLD M. DROWN, Publicity Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CAMP INSTRUCTOR

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

Greetings: — It was my pleasure this year to have again been appointed as Department Camp Instructor..

One class of instruction was held on Saturday evening, January 25, 1947, at G. A. R. Hall in Scituate.

This meeting was arranged by P. D. C. William W. Haskell in conjunction with the Plymouth County Association.

Eight Camps, represented by twenty-four officers, were present, also Department Commander George W. Kimball, Senior Vice Department Commander Hugh McDonald, Junior Vice Commander Allen B. Howland, and Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C., and member of the Department Council.

An afternoon and evening meeting was held and it was the consensus of opinion that outside of being a most interesting session, the instruction given in our ritual was well worth while.

I trust that this phase of our work may continue and that many such meetings may be held during the next term.

Fraternally yours,
ADDISON A. QUINN, Department Camp Instructor.

REPORT OF CHIEF DISTRICT COMMANDER

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

Dear Sir and Brother: — I beg leave to submit my report as Chief District Commander for the term ending April 11, 1947.

The action of the last Annual Encampment in allowing the Districts until August to elect their own District Commanders did not work out successfully because it was October before I received a list of six (6) District Commanders, covering only forty (40) of all the Camps in the District, whereas, under the former system, it would have been possible to have appointed District Commanders covering all Camps in the Department by May first.

Therefore, I recommend that the Department return to the former system.

I attended the Commander-in-Chief Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana, last year.

I organized, with the assistance of Camp 1, and the Department

Commander, the observance of "Dedication Day" at the G. A. R. Memorial Hall, Lynn, Mass., on the evening previous, December 18, 1946, with Rev. Burton Boutwell Smith of Lynn as speaker, and included movies of "Gettysburg Battlefield" by Brother Bogue of Springfield.

I installed the officers of Camp 1 of Lynn and made official visits to Camps 1, 81, and 104; the mid-year Department meeting at Beverly, the Department Memorial Services at Roxbury, February 9, 1947, and served on the Friendly Relations Committee.

I have received many favorable reports on the holding of the Department Encampments in various parts of the State.

I wish to thank the Department Commander for my appointment as Chief District Commander, and to the whole-hearted assistance he has given me.

The District Commanders' reports are hereby attached.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
GEORGE O. WALKER, Chief District Commander.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

April 12, 1947.

The Committee on Officers Reports submits the following report:

We have carefully gone over the report of each officer and are pleased to find that each is a very good one.

The report of the Department Commander shows that he has been quite active the past year and we particularly want to commend his fine work in connection with the Ad Book and in uncovering deplorable conditions of veterans' graves in various cemeteries — a most important job well done.

The report of the Senior Vice Department Commander shows that he, too, has been active this past year.

The committee does not concur in his recommendation that the Senior Vice Department Commander or the Junior Vice Department Commander should be advanced each year as we feel that a person should be elected on his accomplishments.

In his second recommendation that the Department should be divided into three sections with the first three officers elected from each district and advancing each year, we believe as in the previous recommendation that the several sections can even now do the same thing.

The Junior Vice Department Commander also showed activity especially in Plymouth County.

The report of the Department Counselor also proved him to be a busy man this past year.

The report of the Department Secretary shows a loss of 186 members and three camps which is to be deeply regretted as this is a very bad situation. Of these, 82 were deaths, the others being either from members dropped or camps disbanded.

His report shows a balance on hand of $286.03 in the General Fund. The Permanent Fund shows a balance on hand of $9,638.74. The Benjamin J. Loring Fund with a balance on hand of $706.16.

The committee extends its appreciation to the Department Secretary, Leon H. Palmer, for another year of fine service to the Department.

The report of the Camp Instructor, Past D. C. A. A. Quinn, shows the same careful and detailed work which is a part of Brother Quinn's way of getting a difficult job well done.

The report of the Department Publicity Secretary shows that he has been kept busy both in getting information for the papers and then in trying to have the papers print it. His very fine job as we

can see in The Banner is to be highly commended as he certainly covers the Department in a very fine way.

The report of the Chief District Commander shows that a most difficult situation faced him this past year and we concur in his recommendation that the Department Commander appoint the District Commanders.

The recommendations of the Department Council are concurred in.

JOHN W. EMERY, P.D.C.
ADDISON A. QUINN, P.D.C.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT RADIO COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

The year just ended has been one of consistent and substantial progress towards making more of our fellow citizens aware of the meaning of the Civil War and its staggering cost, particularly in the loss of human lives and health. Our sphere of influence has been notably broadened.

For an instance, when Station WNAC gave us the listener reach of their 24 affiliate stations, stretching from Bangor, Maine, to Bridgeport, Conn., and comprising the Yankee Network, to carry the Dedication Day message of Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S.J., of Weston College, we achieved a new triumph. Thus we made known to thousands of new listeners that this Order is fulfilling its commemorative mission remarkably well. Also we brought home to folks all over New England the need of alert patriotism always, as was so eloquently stressed by our great Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln, on the field of Gettysburg.

Another significant forward step was the production on the air of the voice of our esteemed Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Charles B. Burt. This was possible only through making a recording of the veteran's voice at his Springfield home. The occasion was our annual Lincoln Birthday anniversary radio tribute. Through conferences with WBZ (that station not having in Springfield the necessary equipment) this difficulty was overcome by procuring the recording by arrangement with Station WSPR, WBZ assumed the considerable expense of the operation, also executed the broadcast.

The Hall of Flags Memorial Day observance was also recorded by WEEI and later that evening its listeners heard the half-hour program. Bay State Camp perfected the station arrangement while your chairman was serving our Order in the far West. We believe this was the fifth annual broadcast of this annual event by the same station. WEEI also opened its facilities to us on August 1st to carry a program to celebrate Department Commander Burt's 98th birthday.

Committeeman Charles W. Little's service in taking over the Flag Day program deserves our gratitude. The stirring heroic flag story he prepared and produced was a very fine one.

Your committee's expenses, although necessarily higher than previously, were nevertheless under $20.00. We recommend the appropriation of $25.00 for the activities of the coming year.

Noteworthy is the fact that Massachusetts enjoys the distinction of having survived for 14 years the changes and hazards of pursuing radio publicity. Ours is the one Department in the whole Commandery-in-Chief that has been able to keep step with the steadily rising standards and exactions of radio production and still it can secure

good radio outlets for special occasions without paying one cent for station broadcasting facilities.

Another Dedication Day observance was the presentation November 18th, to the Cambridge High and Latin School of the recorded battle front recollections of a Lincoln Volunteer, Past Commander-in-Chief John S. Dumser of the G. A. R. This story was recorded simultaneously with a broadcast at Milwaukee where Comrade Dumser officially held the 1943 National Encampment of his veteran organization. A grandson of a Civil War soldier provided the presentation disc without cost. Principal Downey of the school assured Brothers Hale and Marshall, as they presented the gift, that it marked the establishment of a memorial room in the school building for the preservation of Civil War and other war relics and reminders that will aid in familiarizing his scholars with actual, front-line soldier experiences.

Respectfully submitted,
H. HARDING HALE,
CHARLES W. LITTLE,
HUGH C. MacDONALD,
Radio Committee.
March 31, 1947.

Mass. Dept., Sons of Union Veterans, Civil War

To Department Radio Committee, Dr.

To disbursements and expenses of operation for year ending on above date, including:

1946 June 14, Taxi to WHDH, C. W. Little	$.50
July 27, Trip to Springfield, interview with Charles B. Burt, G. A. R. Dept. Commander, for WEEI Birthday Salute Program	4.00
December 4, Two telephone calls, re-arrangements for WESX program	.30
1947 February 7, Telephone charges, re WSPR recording C. B. Burt, interview for WBZ, February 12 program	1.69
February 8, Trip to Springfield, making recording of Burt interview	5.00
February 12, Trip to Brockton, WBET Lincoln program	.70
1946-47 to local carfares and postage	1.00
1947 March 25, procuring recording of Dept. Commander Burt interview	5.00
Total	$18.19

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

The Committee of Constitution and Regulations have considered the Report of the Membership at Large Committee and recommend that:

The proposed amendment concerning Dual Membership be adopted and submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for promulgation as required by the Constitution.

We recommend that the Department renew the votes passed in 1946 for amendments to the Constitution admitting descendents of members of the Revenue Cutter Service, and providing for detachments of Camps which cover several communities and that the same be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for promulgation as required by the Constitution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SERVICE BADGE RESOLUTION

In accordance with a vote of the Mid-Year meeting at Beverly, Mass., we report the following resolution for consideration and adoption by the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department:

Whereas, there exists a large number of members who have long records of membership in the Order and many of whom wish that there might be some distinguishing insignia to indicate this long membership (other than the present 50-year membership badge), the Massachusetts Department hereby petitions the Commandery-in-Chief to have designed and executed a small medal with the words or figures, "20 years," "25 years," "30 years," etc., to be attached to the top-bar of the membership badge, or made as an integral part of the top part of the membership badge, and supplied to the membership through regular channels.

HENRY F. WEILER,
ADDISON A. QUINN,
C. H. E. MORAN,
Committee.

ATTENDANCE AT ENCAMPMENT

April 11, Morning Session — 1 National, 1 Department Commander, 10 Past Department Commanders, 28 Past Commanders, 6 Commanders, 3 Delegates, 2 Visitors — Total, 51.

April 11, Afternoon Session — 2 Past National, 1 Department, 11 Past Department Commanders, 8 Commanders, 39 Past Commanders, 6 Delegates, 1 Alternate, 3 Visitors — Total, 71.

April 12, Morning Session — 1 Department Commander, 2 Past National Commanders, 11 Past Department Commanders, 15 Commanders, 52 Past Commanders, 18 Delegates, 1 Alternate — Total, 100.

April 12, Afternoon Session — 1 Department Commander, 2 Past National Commanders, 12 Past Department Commanders, 18 Commanders, 59 Past Commanders, 21 Delegates, 2 Alternates — Total, 115.

REPORT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Six meetings were held at the W. R. C. headquarters, with an average attendance of 12 members.

February 1, an entertainment and dance was held at the Hotel Manger with the W. R. C. as hostess.

A balance of $89.67, after all bills were paid, is to be used in the Women's Ward at the Cushing Hospital.

The Daughters of Union Veterans will be the sponsors for 1947.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Woman's Relief Corps	$ 64.00	
Ladies of the G. A. R.	29.00	
Sons of Union Veterans	32.50	
Daughters of Union Veterans	35.00	
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans	47.50	
Tickets Sold at Door	6.50	
Sale of Badges at 12c	1.92	
		$216.42

Disbursements

Hotel Manger	$ 25.00
Entertainment	35.00
Orchestra (Ladies, Manger)	18.00
Tickets and Flyers	10.00

Hotel Tips	2.00	
Hotel Room	5.50	
Badges at 12c	3.60	
Collector of Internal Revenue	13.60	
One Dinner	2.15	
Telephone Message (W. R. C.)	.15	
Annie Santos, sec. expenses	5.40	
Anne Murray, Treas. expenses	6.35	
		$126.75
Receipts		$216.42
Expenses		126.75
Profit		$ 89.67

Money to be used for hospitalized veterans, Womens' Ward, Cushing Hospital.

Committee of Sons
LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Chairman
CHARLES BRADLEE, Treasurer
WILLIAM W. HASKELL

SYLVANUS COBB, JR., CAMP 58
Hyde Park, Mass.

Massachusetts Department,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Greetings:

The officers and members of Sylvanus Cobb, Jr. Camp 58, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Hyde Park, respectfully request that the rank of Past Commander be restored to William H. Johnson.

Brother Johnson has been active in the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and the affairs of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for many years, did all the active work in organization of this Camp and was its first commander, and with the exception of the short time he has been out of the Order has been very active in the affairs of the Camp and the general welfare of the organization, and we respectfully petition that his past honors be restored.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
HERBERT G. WHITE, Commander

THEODORE WINTHOP CAMP NO. 81, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

To the Committee on Resoration of Past Rank,
65th Annual Encampment, S. U. V.
Brothers:

Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, Sons of Union Veterans at its regular meeting held March 24, voted to respectfully ask your committee to restore the rank of Past Commander Fred M. Fitzemeyer who was dropped many years ago and since has been reinstated. He was dropped without the Camp having investigated his circumstances and we believe he will make a good member of our Camp.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
GEORGE W. KIMBALL, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved:
REV. RAYMOND T. REED, Commander

H. M. WARREN CAMP, 34
Wakefield, Mass.

Dear Brothers:

At a regular meeting the Camp voted unanimously to endorse Ralph P. Bickmore as a candidate for the office of Department Junior Vice-Commander.

Brother Bickmore joined our Order in 1903 and has been active in its interests ever since.

He has served as treasurer, secretary, and Junior Vice-Commander before coming to our Camp and has served six years as our Commander and this last year served as Department Patriotic Instructor.

Your support of Brother Bickmore will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM L. DREW, Senior Vice-Commander
HARRY E. FOSTER, Secretary

George Kimball
Commander Sons of Union Veterans, Springfield, Mass.

Congratulations and best wishes for a term of activity and accomplishment.

CAPT. W. L. ANDERSON, Asst. Adjutant, General Kobe Base

LEXINGTON ALLIED VETERANS' COUNCIL
Lexington, Mass.

George W. Kimball
Commander Mass. Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Dear Brother Commander:

If Commander Palmer of 105 is able to make the convention at Springfield, I know he will take the opportunity to extend to every member of every camp in the department, or elsewhere, an invitation to parade in Lexington on April 19th. If he is not there, will you please do this for him.

I have sent copies of the enclosed letter to all camps near Lexington, but I want to reach all others who may want to come.

Whether we have a large or small unit of sons in the parade, there will be a place on the staff of the Chief Marshal for our department commander or his representative, and any other "brass hats" who may be able to come.

We start from the usual point, Mass. Ave. and Pleasant St. in East Lexington. The parade will move prompt at two fifteen P. M. as it must arrive at the Battle Green on time where presentation exercises will be held, and the United States Navy will officially present to the town of Lexington the battle flag of the Battleship Lexington.

I sure would appreciate it if this letter could be read to the convention, if no representative of Camp 105 is present.

Yours in F. C. and L.
GEORGE E. FOSTER, Secretary Camp 105

Dear Commander:

For your Convention Report on the Friendly Relations Committee Expenditures, for the Woman's Ward at Cushing Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts, as noted by the Committee.

Receipts		$89.67
Expenditures		
12 cups and saucers	$12.50	
1 large serving tray	5.98	
12 serving plates	8.40	
1 large cake plate	1.95	
1 tea pot	5.50	
1 sugar	3.40	
1 creamer	1.90	
1 percolator	16.95	
1 lamp base	20.00	
1 lamp shade	3.25	
2 tablecloths at $3.50 each	7.00	
1 tablecloth	2.50	
1 pound coffee	.34	
Total		$89.67

These articles were purchased at the request of the women patients after the official visit of Mrs. Temple, our Department President, and myself. A tea will be given to the Heads of the Allied Orders of 1946-'47 at a later date, when the official presentation will be made. The date will be sent to you direct by me, when I receive same from the hospital officials.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

LUCILLE V. RAND, Chairman of Committee